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NEW YORK POST
75 West Street
New York, New York

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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List of questions
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Stanley J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director

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Mr. Lewis K. Gough, Co-Chairman
Veterans Committee
People to People Program
Post Office Box 1151
Glendale 5, California

June *g*
Kitty *g*
Chris *cc*
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Dear Mr. Gough:

Thank you for your letter of 2 September 1960, regarding the letter in the Chicago newspaper by one Bob Berlin, and your offer to be of assistance in view of the visit of a number of American veteran leaders to Russia.

Your offer is indeed appreciated. However, since the publicity on this matter is subsiding, I have decided not to revive it by engaging in a newspaper controversy.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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Mr. Walter E. Grauman
The Mirisch Company, Inc.
1041 North Formosa
Hollywood 46, California

Dear Mr. Grauman:

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Mr. Dulles has asked me to thank you very much for your letter of 7 September advising that your company contemplates a television series on espionage and counter-espionage, fictitious in nature, but with an authentic flavor based on some O.S.S. experiences of World War II.

While the Central Intelligence Agency is the custodian of some of the O.S.S. files, those in our possession are classified and are not now available for public use. There have been many requests similar to yours in the past and regretfully in each instance we have had to reply in the negative.

Thank you, however, for bringing this matter to our attention.

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June says that the Director has finished with this letter.

He has signed it, and I have just added the information on Questions 15, 16 and 17 which was dictated by the DCI. I believe that you are supposed to get the complete package now - to be checked with Colonel Grogan and Mr. Kirkpatrick before dispatch.

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19 September 60

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P.S. I have called [redacted] office and they are attempting to get a copy of the National Security Act of 1947 which should be attached to the Director's reply before it is mailed.

22 August 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum recommends action in Paragraph 5.
2. David Gelman, of the NEW YORK POST, who for some months has been gathering data for a CIA series, has submitted 17 questions for you to answer. I do not believe you should answer any of them.
3. I have discussed CIA with him previously and believe that a letter such as the attached, from me, is all we should give to him. Gelman is one of the authors of the anti-FBI series in the POST.
4. Question 15 as to Ruth Draper and you and Fleming is a very personal question that I doubt you would want to answer. His question number 10 indicates to me one of the attacks he will make on intelligence; that is, that it is immoral.
5. Recommendation: That you approve a reply similar to the attached draft.

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STANLEY J. GROGAN
Assistant to the Director

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David Gelman
N.Y. Post
75 West St., New York

August 15, 1960.

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I trust Mr. Dulles will see fit to reply to some or all of these questions, and I will await an early reply.

Respectfully,
David Gelman
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As you will note, the Director has signed the reply to Mr. Gelman which encloses the answers to the 17 questions. The Boss said if you "have any violent objections" he would not provide Gelman with the answers to the questions. If not, the letter can be dispatched -- and in any event, he did not want to "see or hear of this correspondence again."

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Remarks:

Stan: The Boss read Gelman's letter over carefully together with your reply and stated that he thought he could satisfactorily respond to most of Gelman's questions. He then discussed them with me somewhat along the lines of the attached draft which is sent over to you herewith for any changes, additions or deletions you consider appropriate. After you have done so, you might prepare this in question and answer form for the Director's signature up to the point where questions 15, 16 and 17 come into the picture and, obviously, the Director will have to dictate his own replies to these three questions.

Frank - Letter herewith *PSJ*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

Subsequent to our discussion the other day I prepared the attached letter for your signature to Mr. Gelman, responding to his questions along the lines you suggested. I have now checked this out with Stan Grogan who agrees that all of these responses are entirely appropriate and I submit it herewith for your consideration.

You will note that Stan and I did not attempt to answer questions #15, 16, and 17 of Mr. Gelman since these are personal in nature and we feel that you will have to dictate the replies to these questions so that they may be added to the rest of the letter.

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7 September 60

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